

7 July 1954

General Mark W. Clark  
The Citadel  
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear General Clark:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I am sending today to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy which is self-explanatory. I would greatly appreciate it if you would advise me if any of the information which the Senator may transmit to you bears upon the loyalty or integrity of any employee of this Agency. If it did I should wish to make immediate investigation and take appropriate action.

Faithfully yours,

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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The Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy  
Chairman, Permanent Subcommittee  
on Investigations  
Senate Committee on Government Operations  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

During the closing days of the recently concluded hearings before the Permanent Subcommittee you made several references to alleged Communist infiltration of the Central Intelligence Agency. In reply to a similar charge made earlier in the Committee hearings I denied such infiltration.

In the event that you should have any evidence in support of these allegations, it would be of the utmost importance that I should have an immediate opportunity to investigate them. Accordingly I would appreciate it if you would let me have at the earliest possible moment any unfavorable information you may have bearing upon the loyalty or integrity of any employee of this Agency. Any such information will be immediately investigated and appropriate action taken.

I have noted that you have indicated that you are making available to General Clark your material on this subject. Consequently I am sending him a copy of this letter and asking that he kindly advise me if the information which he may receive from you is of a nature to require any investigation on my part.

I feel that any unfavorable information regarding any CIA employee would require immediate action and should not necessarily await the report of the Task Force.

Faithfully yours,

AWD:meo

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